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TO A MOUNTAIN PINE

O lonely pine
Upon your granite cliff,
I know your pain—
Tossing your weird arms
To the mighty winds,
Beating your ragged breast
With shrunken hands.
I know your pain,
For I have stood
On such high, dawn-kissed peaks,
And flung my arms
And beat with futile hands,
Because I still was held
To stone and clod
By sullen roots
Of unremembered lives.

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